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A DYNAMICALLY ALTERABLE THREE-

DIMENSIONAL GRAPHICAL MODEL OF

A BODY REGION

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Sir:

Applicant makes the following amendments and remarks in response to the Official Action mailed August 2, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 48, 52, 53, 54, 56 and 57:

48. (AMENDED) A method of graphically displaying and dynamically correcting an image of an organ comprising the steps of:

generating a graphical model [image] of the organ;

inserting a catheter into the body and obtaining data corresponding to the location of a physical characteristic associated with the organ;

[modifying] deforming the graphical model [image] with the location data to increase the conformity of the model to the actual organ within the body; and

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